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In re application of

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ON-LINE BINDER LAYLENGTH MEASUREMENT AND ADJUSTMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as shown below:

On page 3, please replace the paragraph continuing from page 2, with the following:

Manufacturing fiber optic cables has increasingly developed into an automated process.

Measuring the length of the binder material necessary for a particular cable design, however, is still a manual process. Traditionally, the binder is manually measured using a ruler or a tape measure. The binder laylength is then calculated by measuring the distance from a first peak on the bound core to a second peak on the bound core, or from one binder center to the next binder center. Manually measuring the binder laylength is therefore a trial and error process. Often,